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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL CHAPTER 61

Statutory Authority: S.C. Code Sections 44-1-140(11); 1-23-10; -110

Notice of Drafting:

The Department of Health and Environmental Control proposes to repeal R.61-41, Hotel – Motel Sanitation. Interested persons may submit comments to Mr. H. Michael Longshore, Bureau of Environmental Health, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201. To be considered, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2004, the close of the drafting comment period.

Synopsis:

This regulation was last revised in 1984. The requirements and need for R.61-41 are outdated and obsolete. Due to dwindling resources and prioritization of programs, the Department has not routinely inspected hotels and motels under this regulation in over 10 years; the Department continues to investigate complaints in hotels and motels. Furthermore, the hotel – motel industry has become largely self-regulating; the business is very customer-driven and competition dictates that facilities be maintained and operated properly. The public health concerns that the R.61-41 was intended to address can be addressed through other department regulations, such as R.61-56, Individual Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems, and R.61-46, Nuisances. Since this regulation is no longer needed, and in the interest of good government and efficiency, the Department proposes repeal of R.61-41. Public notification of this proposed regulation revision will be published pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. Legislative review of this proposal is required.

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Statutory Authority: Section 44-34-10, *et seq.*
(Act 250, June 17, 2004)

Notice of Drafting:

The Department of Health and Environmental Control proposes to draft new regulations establishing standards for tattooing facilities. Interested persons may submit written comments to Dennis L. Gibbs, Director, Division of Health Licensing, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. 29201. To be considered, all comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., August 26, 2004, the close of the drafting comment period.

Synopsis:

By Act 250 effective June 17, 2004, a tattooing chapter was added to the S.C. Code of Laws at Section 44-34-10 *et seq.* The law established requirements and procedures for tattooing, including provisions for the issuance of the promulgation of regulations by the Department of Health and Environmental Control, payment of license fees, and conducting inspections. The proposed regulation will include, but not be limited to: definitions; licensing requirements; fees required; exceptions to the regulation; inspection and investigating reporting requirements; consultations; enforcement action procedures and penalties; facility/staff policy/procedures; staffing, including inservice training and health status; reporting requirements; client record content and maintenance; client procedures and services; client rights; grievance and complaint procedure; facility maintenance; infection control and equipment sterilization including housekeeping; hepatitis B vaccination requirements; infectious waste; emergency procedures; fire prevention; facility accommodations; mobile units; and a severability clause. Legislative review of this proposal will be required.

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